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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
JORG THOMMES ET AL.

Confirmation No: 6600

Application No.: 10/661,086

Group Art Unit: 1723

Filed: September 12, 2003

Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn

Title: Method of Purifying Polypeptides By Stimulated Moving Bed Chromatography

ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction and election dated June 6, 2005, and is timely filed as it is accompanied by a request for an extension of time to file in the first month along with the requisite fee.

I. ELECTION

In response to the requirement for restriction and election mailed June 6, 2005, the applicants elect **without traverse** Group I, claims 1-8, 19, 22, 24-28 and 30, directed to a method of separating an immunoreactive compound from a fluid mixture using simulated moving bed chromatography.

In response to the requirement that the applicants elect a species of ligand, the applicants elect Protein A.

In response to the requirement that the applicants elect a species of immunoreactive compound, the applicants elect antibodies (broadly defined on page 7 of the application).

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II. IN CONCLUSION

If the examiner identifies any points that he feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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